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SUBJ: VISIT OF HARVARD CHINA SCHOLARS TO CHINA

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1. MOST LIKELY REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HARVARD CHINA SCHOLARS VISIT TO PRC IN OUR OPINION IS CONVOCAION OF PARTY CONGRESS SOME TIME IN AUGUST. EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO ACCUMULATE THAT POLITICAL EVENT SUCH AS PARTY CONGRESS IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD. HASHIMOTO OF JAPANESE EMBASSY CONFIRMED TO HOLDRIDGE ON JULY 26 THAT PROPOSED VISITS BY TWO JAPANESE DELEGATIONS TO PRC FOR AUGUST HAD BEEN TOLD THIS WAS "NOT PROPER TIME" AND THAT GROUPS COULD BE RECEIVED EITHER IN SEPTEMBER OR AFTER OCTOBER 1. JONATHAN SHARP OF REUTERS TOLD JENKINS ON JULY 25 THAT HE HAD INFORMATION HE CONSIDERED FIRM FROM CHINESE SOURCES THAT CONGRESS WOULD TAKE PLACE SOON. REFERENCE B NOTES POSTPONEMENT OF ROMANIAN PARTY VISIT WHICH ALSO SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST.

2. ACCORDING TO HASIMOTO, THE TWO POSTPONED DELEGATIONS WERE BOTH OF A PARLIAMENTARY NATURE: A) GROUP FROM FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF LOWER HOUSE CONSISTING OF 8 OR 9 MEMBERS HEADED BY CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE; AND B) LDP DELEGATION OF 5 OR 6 MEMBERS. HASHIMOTO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT A JAPANESE SPORTS DELEGATION LED BY KONO, SPEAKER
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OF UPPER HOUSE, IS STILL EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING BY

CHARTERED FLIGHT FROM TOKYO ON JULY 30. LIAO CH'ENG-CHIH TOLD HASHIMOTO THERE WOULD BE NOT CHANGE IN THIS GROUP'S PLANS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE IT HAD NO POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS DESPITE KONO'S PARLIAMENTARY POSITION (HE IS ALSO A WELL-KNOWN SPORTS FIGURE).

3. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IN CALL JULY 24 BY HOLDRIDGE AND ANDERSON ON LIN P'ING, HEAD OF MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT, NO MENTION WAS MADE BY LIN OF DEFERRAL OF HARVARD CHINA SCHOLARS' VISIT ALTHOUGH USLO OFFICERS REFERRED DURING CONVERSATION TO GROUP'S IMPENDING ARRIVAL.
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